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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION VIEWED BY GOH

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OF NOVEMBER 27, 1973

1. PROMISED INQUIRY WITH UN OFFICE OF MFA WAS MADE IN
DECEMBER 14 VISIT BY EMBOFF. DEPUTY BUREAU CHIEF, MRS.
ILONA GEREB, REVEALED THAT GOH WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART
IN POPULATION CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATED SEMINARS BUT IS
VERY PESSIMISTIC ON CHANCES OF AGREEMENT ON WORLD ACTION PLAN.

2. MRS. GEREB SAID HUNGARY'S POSITION AS YET UNPREPARED
BUT THAT VIEWS WOULD BE DEVELOPED DURING MAJOR SEMINARS
BEGINNING JAN 18 IN OSLO AND FEB 24 IN NYC AND AIRLIE,
VA. (LATTER CO-SPONSORED BY UN AND AIRLIE FOUNDATION).
HUNGARIAN REP WILL BE MRS. HANNA BOKOR, WOMEN'S RIGHTS
EXPERT.

3. HUNGARY CONSIDERS ITSELF DEVELOPED COUNTRY FOR
POPULATION PURPOSES, ACCORDING TO MRS. GEREB,
BUT VIEWS MORE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES AS LEVEL OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND ABILITY
OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEMS TO CARE FOR
GROWING POPULATION.

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4. MRS. GEREB WOULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN ON SUCH CRUCIAL

TOPICS AS DESIRABLE GROWTH FOR POPULATION O
BIRTHS (AS
OPPOSED TO MORE OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES OF HOW TO ACHIEVE
CONTROLS IN COUNTRIES WITH VARIOUS POLITICAL SYSTEMS,
CULTURES AND ECONOMIES) AND SIGNIFICANCE OF HER REPEATED
REFERENCES TO "BETTER SOCIAL SECURITY" IN SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, SHE POINTED OUT THAT AMONG
DEVELOPED COMECON COUNTRIES POLAND AND HUNGARY HAD VASTLY
DIFFERENT POPULATION SITUATIONS.

5. IMPLICATION OF GEREK COMMENTS WAS THAT WITH SOCIALIST
SYSTEMS POPULATION GROWTH WAS LESS OF PROBLEM AND MORE
EASILY CONTROLLED THAN IN NON-SOCIALIST SYSTEMS. AT ONE
POINT MRS. GEREK STATED THAT POPULATION GROWTH WAS NOT
WORLD PROBLEM AND WOULD NOT BE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION
EITHER. LOCAL PROBLEMS (INDIA WAS MENTIONED) DESERVED
ATTENTION IN HER VIEW.

6. EMBOFF FOUND MRS. GEREK EXPERIENCED OFFICIAL (AT LEAST
THREE TIMES A DELEGATE FOR UNGA) WHO IS WITTY AND GRACIOUS
ALTHOUGH VERY CAUTIOUS AND ORTHODOX IN ALL HER COMMENTS.
IN THIS LIGHT HER COMMENTS MIGHT INDICATE THAT NOT ONLY
DOES ORH NOT FORESEE WORLD AGREEMENT BUT ALSO THAT IT
MAY BE SECONDARY TO POLITICAL CAPITAL OBTAINABLE GOH IN
PARTICULAR AND FOR SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN GENERAL IN
POPULATION CONFERENCES.
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